

CLAIMS

We claim:

1 1. A pullover jacket comprising:

2 (a) a pullover body construction having a fabric
3 configuration that is characterized by sufficient drape and
4 stretch to facilitate slipping over the head and shoulders;

5 (b) said body construction including a bodice;

6 (c) a decorative band construction having
7 distinguishable color and design and extending across said
8 bodice;

9 (d) mating interconnections between said body
10 construction and said band construction;

11 (e) said mating interconnections including mating
12 interconnections along selected positions along the upper
13 edge of said band construction and along corresponding
14 positions on said body construction;

15 (f) said mating interconnections including mating
16 interconnections along selected positions on the lower edge
17 of said band construction and along corresponding positions
18 on said body construction; and

19 (g) a flap extending outwardly from said bodice and
20 across said bodice, said flap concealing said upper edge of
21 said band construction and said mating interconnections at
22 said upper edge of said band construction;

23 (h) whereby said band construction and said body
24 construction provide said jacket with a smoothly integrated
25 appearance.

1 2. The pullover jacket of claim 1 wherein said mating
2 interconnections along said upper edge of said band
3 construction and said corresponding positions on said body
4 construction along said upper edge of said band construction
5 constitute a zipper.

1 3. The pullover jacket of claim 1 wherein said mating
2 interconnections along said bottom edge of said band
3 construction and corresponding positions on said body
4 construction include snaps.

1 4. The pullover jacket of claim 1 wherein said mating
2 interconnections along said edge of said band construction
3 and corresponding positions on said body construction
4 include a distribution of snaps.

1 5. The pullover jacket of claim 1 wherein said body
2 construction includes a pair of sleeves and a hood.

1 6. The pullover jacket of claim 1 wherein said body
2 construction is one of an inventory of body constructions
3 that cover the following selections of sizes: Small/Medium,
4 Large/X-Large, and XX-Large/XXX-Large.

1 7. The pullover jacket of claim 1 wherein the
2 selection of the length of said band is commensurate with
3 the selection of the body construction size.

1 8. The pullover jacket of claim 1 wherein the band
2 ranges in height from 2 to 6 inches.

1 9. An inventory of pullover jacket components
2 comprising an inventory of body constructions and an
3 inventory of band constructions:

4 (a) said body constructions being of a body type
5 having a fabric configuration that facilitates slipping over
6 the head and shoulders;

7 (b) said body type including a bodice;

8 (c) said band constructions being of a band type
9 having distinguishable color and extending across said
10 bodice;

11 (d) mating interconnections between said body
12 construction and said band construction;

13 (e) said mating interconnections including mating
14 interconnections along selected positions along the upper
15 edge of said band construction and along corresponding
16 positions on said body construction;

17 (f) said mating interconnections including mating
18 interconnections along selected positions on the lower edge
19 of said band construction and along corresponding positions
20 on said jacket construction; and

21 (g) a flap extending outwardly from said bodice and
22 across said bodice, said flap concealing said upper edge of

23 said band construction and said mating interconnections at
24 said upper edge of said band construction;

25 (h) whereby said band construction and said body
26 construction provide said jacket with a smoothly integrated
27 appearance.

1 10. The pullover jacket of claim 9 wherein said mating
2 interconnections along said upper edge of said band
3 construction and said corresponding positions on said jacket
4 construction along said upper edge of said band construction
5 constitute a zipper.

1 11. The pullover jacket of claim 9 wherein said mating
2 interconnections along said bottom edge of said band
3 construction and corresponding positions on said jacket
4 construction include snaps.

1 12. The pullover jacket of claim 9 wherein said mating
2 interconnections along said edge of said band construction
3 and corresponding positions on said jacket construction
4 include a distribution of snaps.

1 13. The pullover jacket of claim 9 wherein said body
2 construction includes a pair of sleeves and a hood.

1 14. The pullover jacket of claim 9 wherein said body
2 construction is selected from the following selections of
3 sizes: Small/Medium, Large/X-Large, and XX-Large/XXX-Large.

1 15. The pullover jacket of claim 14 wherein the
2 selection of the length of said band is commensurate with
3 the selection of the body construction size.

1 16. The pullover jacket of claim 9 wherein said mating
2 interconnections along said upper edge of said band
3 construction and said corresponding positions on said jacket
4 construction along said upper edge of said band construction
5 constitute a zipper.

1 17. The pullover jacket of claim 9 wherein said band
2 construction ranges in height from 2 to 6 inches.

1 18. The pullover jacket of claim 9 wherein said mating
2 interconnections along said bottom edge of said band
3 construction and corresponding positions on said body
4 construction include snaps.

1 19. The pullover jacket of claim 9 wherein said mating
2 interconnections along said upper edge of said band
3 construction and corresponding positions on said body
4 construction include a distribution of snaps.

1 20. The pullover jacket of claim 9 wherein said body
2 construction includes a pair of sleeves and a hood.

1 21. An inventory process for providing customized
2 pullover jackets, units of which are characterized by (1)
3 pullover body construction units of a type having a fabric
4 configuration that facilitates slipping over the head and
5 shoulders; and (2) decorative band construction units of a

6 type having distinguishable color and design for affixation
7 to said pullover body construction, said process comprising
8 the steps of:

1 (a) acquiring an inventory of said body construction
2 units, said body construction units being of different
3 sizes;

4 (b) acquiring an inventory of said band construction
5 units, said band construction units being of different
6 colors or designs;

7 (c) receiving orders for said customized pullover
8 jackets from customers;

9 (d) said body construction units accounting for the
10 major component of unit cost;

11 (e) said band construction units accounting for a
12 minor component of unit cost;

13 (f) the upper and lower edges of said band
14 construction and the corresponding upper and lower points on
15 said body construction having mating fasteners;

16 (g) extending from said body construction there being
17 an elongated flap that overlaps the upper edge of said band
18 construction;

19 (h) said flap masking said fasteners and any visual
20 discontinuity at said upper edge of said band structure;

21 (i) said mating fasteners being precisely located on
 22 said band construction and said jacket construction to
 23 preclude misalignment during said assembly;

24 (j) assembling selected band constructions and
 25 selected body constructions by joining the mating fasteners
 26 thereof to provide said customized pullover jackets; and

27 (k) shipping said customized jackets to said customers
 28 in conformity with said orders.

1 22. The process of claim 21 wherein said mating
 2 fasteners at said upper edge of said band construction are
 3 constituted by the mating articulations of a zipper, which
 4 extends continuously throughout the upper edge of the band
 5 construction.

1 23. The process of claim 21 wherein said mating
 2 fasteners at said upper edge of said band construction are
 3 constituted distributed snaps, which extend from one end to
 4 the other of said band construction.

1 24. A pullover jacket comprising:

2 (a) a pullover body construction having a fabric
 3 configuration that facilitates slipping over the head and
 4 shoulders;

5 (b) said jacket construction including a bodice;

6 (c) decorative band constructions having
 7 distinguishable color and design and extending across the
 8 back and front of said bodice;

9 (d) mating interconnections between said body
10 construction and said band constructions;

11 (e) said mating interconnections including mating
12 interconnections along selected positions along the upper
13 edges of said band constructions and along corresponding
14 positions on said body construction;

15 (f) said mating interconnections including mating
16 interconnections along selected positions on the lower edge
17 of said band constructions and along corresponding positions
18 on said body construction; and

19 (g) flaps extending outwardly from said bodice and
20 across said bodice, said flaps concealing said upper edges
21 of said band constructions and said mating interconnections
22 at said upper edge of said band construction;

23 (h) whereby said band constructions blend with said
24 jacket construction to provide said jacket with a smoothly
25 integrated appearance.

1 25. The pullover jacket of claim 24 wherein said
2 mating interconnections along said upper edge of said band
3 constructions and said corresponding positions on said body
4 construction along said upper edge of said band
5 constructions constitute zippers.

1 26. The pullover jacket of claim 24 wherein said
2 mating interconnections along said bottom edges of said band

- 3 constructions and corresponding positions on said body
- 4 construction include snaps.